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RUMORS STARTED BY HUN PROPAGANDISTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED

N. Banegas, Sr., on Sandy, Receives Report of Death of Son Which Is Evidently False—Other Rumors

Nestor Banegas, Sr., on the Sandy, yesterday phoned Mr. Hopkins of the Arizona Stores to see if he had heard anything of the death of his son, Nestor Banegas, who is now in the motor division of the army but still on this side of the Atlantic. Upon inquiry it was found that Mr. Banegas had received a paper from an anonymous source telling of the death of his son.

Mr. Banegas was told that the report was very likely untrue inasmuch as our Government notifies the parent or nearest relative immediately if there is a casualty, in most cases sending the notice the same day and never later than the second day. These messages to relatives have priority over everything that is cabled across. Our Government is very particular in this respect.

The paper that Mr. Banegas received can hardly be accounted for unless it is an instrument of German propaganda. It would be possible for a paper to be secretly printed containing the deaths of different boys who are known to be in the service and sending such papers to the parents in order to further carry out their campaign of "frightfulness." This is not probable, but possible, as it was possible for German agents to call at homes, where there were sons of military age, at the beginning of the war, telling the mothers of the "horrors of the trenches." Mr. Banegas is going to send the paper in to Kingman and we can then see how the incident happened.

Rumors have continually been started, with sinister purpose, since the beginning of the war. Only recently the people here were told that two of the soldiers on the troop train were dead as a result of poisoned candy. Another report said that someone had put an obstruction on the track and wrecked a troop train. These reports were undoubtedly started by German sympathizers. People should not heed reports of any kind unless they come from authentic news sources. If you hear a report you should not pass it along unless you know it is true. If you report such propaganda to this newspaper you can not only find out if it is likely to be true in most cases, but also the rumor can be turned over to the proper authorities by this paper in order that its source may be investigated. Investigation of rumors of this kind are a part of the work of our Government.

MINES EXPLORATION CO. SHIPS \$75 ORE

I. C. Bateman this week received returns from a carload of ore from the mines of the Mines Exploration company, in the Wallapai mountains, that gave results of \$75 per ton. The shipment was made for the purpose of ascertaining the average value of the higher grade ore and the returns were pleasing to the management. There is an immense tonnage of ore in sight that will run better than \$20 which is to be further developed.

CHARLES D. REPPY NEWSPAPER MAN, DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Charles D. Reppy, one of the old time newspaper men of Arizona, died at his home in Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, on the 8th of this month, at the age of 72 years. Since quitting the newspaper game Mr. Reppy was right-of-way man for the Southern Pacific railroad, and was in the employment of that company at the time of his death. He was a resident of Arizona many years, having published newspapers at Tombstone and Florence during the early life of the territory, and had many friends throughout the new state. His death will be regretted by a wide circle of friends and among the pioneers of Arizona.

LEAVES FOR SCHOOL AT STATE NORMAL

Gernice Hartz left Monday to attend the State Normal at Flagstaff. She will take up kindergarten work at the normal, but outside of her school work intends to continue her work in journalism. Gernice will be missed by the force of the Miner-Mineral Wealth.

BRITISH TANK GOING EAST AGAIN PASSES THROUGH THIS CITY

The British tank which passed through here several weeks ago en route to Los Angeles again passed through Kingman yesterday morning, going east.

A great many Kingman people were notified by telephone of the tank's arrival and a large crowd was down to inspect this newly introduced and powerful implement of war.

This tank has seen active service on the western front, though it is not badly battle-marked.

CONVENTION AT ST. GEORGE TO DISCUSS GOOD ROADS ON 13TH

The people of southern Utah have called a convention of Arizona, Nevada and Utah people to meet at St. George, Utah, on the 13th day of September, 1918, for the purpose of getting together on the improvement of Arrowhead Trail and its connecting highways. While Arizona has little place in the convention for the purpose set out, it is interesting to the people that other sections of the country are trying to build up their highways. Utah should have good roads. Its people will find it to their enduring benefit to build permanent roads into every community and a trunk highway across the state. This is true of every state in the Union, and we hope that an era of good road building will soon be upon us.

TREASURY ANNOUNCES ITS NEW SILVER PRICE

The Federal Reserve Board of the U. S. Treasury announced Thursday last that it had virtually fixed the maximum price of silver at \$1.01½ per fine ounce and the export license for silver would be granted by the board only for essential civil or military purposes, and on condition that the maximum price was not exceeded by the purchaser.

This fixes the price of silver throughout the world, as the United States now controls the entire supply of the metal and is exporting to the allies in Europe and to Asia and India. In the past three months the government has melted down and sent abroad more than 100,000,000 silver dollars.

The action of the Federal Board was caused by the traders offering \$1.05 for silver and higher in some cases. The board also set the price for platinum at \$105 per ounce, \$135 per ounce for palladium, and \$1775 for iridium.

GRAND POW-WOW OF INDIANS AT NELSON

A grand pow-wow to be held by the different tribes of Indians at Nelson, 60 miles to our eastward, has practically depopulated this town of Wallapai Indians. All are bound in that direction by some means of conveyance, but with a determination to be on hand next Sunday morning when festivities commence.

Several days will be spent in the ceremonial, but we are unable to ascertain for what purpose the pow-wow has been called.

BISBEE NET IS OUT TO GRAB SLACKERS

BISBEE, Ariz.—Pool halls, restaurants, dance halls, theaters and other places in which crowds were gathered were raided Monday night in Bisbee and its suburbs, by posses of citizens acting under instructions of the Cochise county exemption board, and more than 200 men between the ages of 21 and 31 who were unable to produce registration cards taken to the city hall. There they were questioned. All but 29 were released. These will be investigated further.

OSTRICH MEAT TO BE PUT ON MARKET

T. A. Riordan, Food Administrator for Arizona, has given his consent for the killing of 800 ostriches for their meat. The birds are said to be in excellent condition and the meat is to be sold at 15 cents per pound. The 800 birds will make 25,000 pounds of delicious meat. These birds are situated on the big ostrich farm of J. E. Cogsdell, near Phoenix.

CAPTURED HUN TANK REPAIRED BY FRENCH



The tank seen in this French official photograph was captured by the French in the recent heavy fighting on the western front. The tank was demolished by the heavy French gunfire and it took these crafty Frenchmen twelve days of work under enemy fire to put it in order again. The photograph shows the French crew which repaired the tank and which is operating it with great results against the enemy.

"SCOTTY" STEWART'S TEAM VS. "CHET" WARREN'S TEAM AT BALL GROUNDS SUNDAY

One of the best games of the season will be played Sunday when Chet Warren's "pill-chasers" meet Scotty Stewart's "sky-rockets" (up in the air) on the local ball grounds. The game is called for 2:30 p. m. and keen rivalry is in evidence as to who will be the "champs."

The proceeds all go to the Red Cross and a large attendance is expected. The two teams are lined up as follows:

STEWART'S TEAM
A. Bale, catcher; S. D. Stewart, pitcher; Geo. A. Kent, first base; Floyd B. Chamberlain, short-stop; Loren Martinez, second base; Phil Smith, third base; Bob Jacobson, left field; F. N. Van Marter, right field; Oro Grunninger, center field.

WARREN'S TEAM
Roy Robinson, catcher; C. A. Warren, pitcher; Leo Robinson, first base; Tom Hayes, short stop; Don George, second base; Stanley George, third base; Hubert Smith, left field; Joe Steed, center field; R. B. Walker, right field.

SUBS FOR BOTH TEAMS
W. S. Thompson, M. G. Wagner, C. N. Nickel, J. H. Rosenberg, J. C. Hughes, Tom Devine, C. W. Herndon.

FUNERAL OF JAMES H. DAVIDSON HELD AUG. 9 AT OSHKOSH

The Hon. James H. Davidson was buried at Oshkosh, Wis., August 9, at 3 p. m., with fitting ceremony.

A special car attended from Washington and the official representatives of the government were Senators Ramsdell, Jones and Lenroot and Congressmen McLaughlin, Kennedy and Wilson.

MRS. WILSON, WIDOW OF SOLDIER, ILL, SENT TO NEW MEX.

The first actual demonstration of the Red Cross civilian relief was made in Kingman yesterday, when that body sent Mrs. Wilson, a soldier's widow, to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Wilson came here some months ago from that city and has been struggling along in her effort to make a living for herself and children, when she was taken seriously ill and wished to be sent to her home there, where she has friends and acquaintances. Kingman has not had any of this work to do previous to this time, but when the time occurs its hearts, hands and treasury is open.

REPORTS CATTLE IN GOOD CONDITION

William Hunt came in from the Willows last Saturday and he reports that he made the trip through one of the wettest rains that it was ever his pleasure to experience, rain falling in torrents upon him from Hackberry to Kingman.

That he was wet, we will ever be able to testify, as he gave one the appearance of a drowned rat, but with it all he wore the smile of a pleased cowman, for these rains have made the country to our east like a meadow and this will assure cowmen of plenty of fat cattle for fall shipments.

He returned to his home the same day with a load of supplies.

"Horatio" Wanders Streets of Kingman But Comes Back

Joe Carrow lasooed a Gila monster the other day on the Sandy road and said Gila monster showing signs of "being friends" Joe brought it home with him. However, "bimeby," "Horatio" got that ticklish feeling in his feet and wandered off and for two days strolled the streets of Kingman.

He liked his new boarding place though, and evidently came back for two days later he was found in the street in front of Carrow's house. Owing to his migratory spirit he was put into captivity and last heard was waiting in George's market for "Rattlesnake Pete" to come over from Oatman and buy him. He's sure a pretty boy and about 14 inches long.

DEAL MADE FOR THE BULKLEY-WELSH ESTATE

I. C. Bateman has returned from San Francisco, where he made arrangements for the taking over of the Bulkley-Welsh group of mines, south of the Standard Minerals property. The shaft will be drained of water and an engineer will make a thorough examination of the veins. The property looks fine so far as development has been carried on and the veins have the earmarks of developing into big producers.

HARRY F. WILLIAMS NOW MEMBER LOCAL EXEMPTION BOARD

Harry F. Williams received a parchment this week signed by Secretary Baker officially notifying him of his appointment as a member of the local exemption board of Mohave county. Mr. Williams is filling the vacancy caused by the death of the late Harry Underwood.

STORM RAISED HAVOC AT BERKELY MINE

T. J. Sparks, manager of the Berkely mines, came in from that property a few days ago to attend to important business and to obtain supplies for his camp. He reports that the rains of last week played havoc with the Cedar road, which is being used in getting into the Berkely mine, and that his entire force had to be put on road repair before he can get back to camp. The rains were terrific along the west side of the mountain and great holes were bored through the road at many points.

SEARCHLIGHT FERRY IS IN COMMISSION

Word comes to us that the Searchlight ferry, via Cottonwood Island, is now open to travel. This ferry has been out of commission for several months past, but mechanical repairs have recently been made and the ferry again opened to use of the public. The management informs us that there is a difference of but six miles to points on the Santa Fe railroad west of Needles, between this route and the route via Needles.

SATURDAY AUGUST 24 REGISTRATION DAY FOR MEN 21 SINCE JUNE 5

Saturday, August 24, all men who have become 21 since June 5, 1918, will register at the office of the local exemption board at the courthouse Kingman.

The office will be open from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. on that date and anyone who knows of a young man who has reached the age of 21 since the date mentioned is requested to inform him of this registration day if he does not already know about it.

SIX DENVER FIRMS ARE FOUND GUILTY OF FALSE STATEMENTS ON SUGAR

For making false statements regarding the amount of sugar on hand, six Denver concerns were penalized Saturday by the United Food Administration for Colorado. The penalties in the six cases were inflicted following hearings before Robert J. Grant, executive manager of the United States Food Administration.

Mrs. Dora K. Cohn, 322 Fifteenth street, had 500 pounds of sugar taken from her as a result of alleged misstatements to the food administration. Mrs. Cohn declares that she did not intend to violate any of the rulings, and that her error was due to misinformation.

The New York Grocery store, 1807 Walton street, was deprived of 1200 pounds of sugar.

Twenty-one hundred pounds of sugar was taken from J. Struck of the Chicago Lunch because of his failure to give the food administration officials proper information on the sugar supply he had on hand.

A. Susman, a baker at Twenty-fourth and Walnut streets, was deprived of 350 pounds of sugar for the same reasons.

Max Eckstein, 6300 West Colfax, lost 200 pounds of sugar for a similar offense.

The proprietors of the Silver Grill restaurant, Hazlett and Tucker, 625 Seventeenth street, lost 500 pounds of sugar following a hearing before the food administration.

GEORGE KIRKLAND OF TAX COMMISSION HERE THIS WEEK

George Kirkland, of Phoenix, spent a couple of days here the first part of this week in the interest of the state tax commission, looking up county budgets. Mr. Kirkland is also associated with H. R. Tritle, state director of the War Savings stamp campaign, of the capital city, and conferred with the county chairman in the interest of this matter.

Mohave county has passed into the rank of the counties of the first class and it seems to indicate that our county will attain its allotment before the end of this year has passed.

Mr. Kirkland left Monday for the coast, where he will visit the other counties of the north.

SHERIFF COHENOUR SEES RESULT OF STORM AT NEEDLES

Sheriff Cohenour reports that while he was in Needles last Saturday, he saw the greatest fall of rain in that city that he has ever experienced during his life time on the desert.

Within a short time after the beginning of the storm the rush of the waters was so great that it overran the sidewalks and places of business, leaving behind debris and deposits of mud to the depth of two feet.

The entire city was strewn with boulders, cans and other refuse to such an extent that it is estimated that it will cost several thousand dollars to have it cleared away.

EARL CRONIN VISITS MOTHER IN KINGMAN

Earl Cronin, who has recently been discharged from the United States Signal Service, arrived in Kingman last Tuesday night and will remain here for some time visiting with his mother, Mrs. James W. Miller, whom he has not seen for many years.

Mr. Cronin has been in the service for quite a length of time, but was taken ill and after a period of time served in the hospital, was unable to make the required physical examination and as a result was returned to civil life with the possibility that as soon as he has entirely recuperated that he will be recalled.

BREAD CARDS MAY POSSIBLY BE DONE AWAY WITH SOON

If This Is Done People Will Be Put on Their Honor to Not Exceed 6 Pounds Per Individual Per Month

There has been a rumor circulated in Mohave County that the restrictions on the use of flour were to be lifted. This is a false report. Though there is a likelihood of a good crop this year we are expected to save against the possibilities of a failure another year and for the use of our allies.

There is a possibility though of the bread cards being temporarily done away with for a period of say 30 days and the people being put on their honor entirely in regard to keeping within the six pounds per month allotted to each person. If this plan works satisfactorily and there is no increase in the amount of flour sold the card would be permanently done away with. The date will be announced later.

There has been a hardship worked on the Mohave County merchants in that California did not have bread cards and people from here, who wished to do so, could send to Los Angeles and get flour without having the amount registered against their name. The food conservation authorities at Flagstaff took the matter up with the stores in Los Angeles and with one exception, Jevne's, received no reply offering co-operation.

The use of the bread cards has resulted in a saving of over 40 per cent of the normal consumption of flour in this county. It is expected that if the bread cards are eliminated the patriotism of all the people will keep any of them from overstepping their allowance of 6 pounds of flour per individual per month.

The sugar regulations remain the same, 2 pounds per person per month. People who are securing sugar for canning purposes and urged to put put their fruit up with as little sugar as possible and to wait until next winter when sugar will be more plentiful to properly sweeten it.

SOME UNKNOWN PERSON TEARING DOWN PLACARDS

Some unknown person or persons have been going about town tearing down the placards that have been posted by the many candidates for office. A great many of these have been removed even from places of business and as a result the business men and the candidates are on the lookout for these people and if they should be caught, in all probability, they will be prosecuted.

MEXICANS ROB OLD COUPLE OF SAVINGS

Three Mexican bandits robbed an old couple east of Phoenix a few evenings ago of their life saving, amounting to about \$1500. The men went to the cabin of the old couple and asked for a drink of water. They then seized the old man and wife and a hired man and bound them and threatened them with all kinds of torture if they did not disclose the hiding place of their money. One of the men plunged a short bladed knife into the breast of the old man and the wife gave up the money rather than see him tortured. They took the money and decamped. Officers are on their trail.

LIVESTOCK EAT UMBRELLA TREES

Some of the livestock on the Kingman streets walked up Elmo Bollinger's front steps the other day while he was in Oatman and ate all the leaves on his umbrella trees.

Mr. Bollinger has been nursing these trees along for three years and consequently feels very much put out about it.

ANOTHER MURDER IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Another murder was added to the list of homicides in Maricopa county, when Branceford Marshall shot and instantly killed his son-in-law, A. F. Newby, over a trivial cause on the morning of August 10. Marshall had a war garden and some one had walked across it. Newby was accused of the offense and a quarrel ensued; the older man rushed to his house and procured a shotgun and began firing at the son-in-law, the charge entering his back and killing him. Marshall is in jail.